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National Intelligence Officers

27 March 1979

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Nuclear Proliferation

SUBJECT: Monthly Warning Report--Nuclear Proliferation ☐

1. Action Requested: None; for your information and possible comments only. (U)

2. Background: I chaired a meeting of the Interagency Intelligence Working Group on Nuclear Proliferation on 26 March to discuss items for warning. The main points of discussion are contained in the attached report. Also briefly mentioned are areas of continuing concern. ☐

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Attachment:
Monthly Warning Report: Nuclear
Proliferation (March 1979)

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Monthly Warning Report: Nuclear Proliferation*

Of Increased Concern

1. Arab and Muslim States. Iraq, Libya, and other Arab countries opposed to peace with Israel may intensify their efforts to develop capabilities to produce nuclear weapons over the next several months. Unless Pakistan were prepared to exchange nuclear for material assistance with fellow Muslims in the Arab world, however, Arab nuclear capabilities applicable to weapons are unlikely to make marked progress in the near future. [REDACTED]

Of Continuing Concern

3. India. Prime Minister Desai's recent letter to General Zia outlining India's concern about Pakistan's nuclear activities is likely to lead to new moves by India to counter Pakistan's development of nuclear weapons. Future Indian reactions could include the development of a nuclear weapons inventory. [REDACTED]

4. Taiwan. There is still concern that the government on Taiwan will be reviewing its options and commitments once the terms of normal relations with the US have been settled. [REDACTED]

*This memorandum is one of a series produced monthly by NIO/NP. Its purpose is to review possible developments in the short-term future that would be damaging to US interests. Obviously many of these developments will not occur in the time frame or in the manner suggested, or will not occur at all.

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